

2. (Amended) The electrode metal material according to Claim 1, wherein said carbon particles are projected from the surface of said valve metal material to expose said carbon particles from said surface.

3. (Amended) The electrode metal material according to Claim 1, wherein the surface of the valve metal material is coated with a passive film.

4. (Amended) The electrode metal material according to Claim 1, wherein said electrode metal material is coated with an activated carbon layer to form a double-layer electrode for an electric double-layer capacitor.

5. (Amended) The electrode metal material according to Claim 1, wherein said electrode metal material is a cathode of an electrolytic capacitor.

6. (Amended) The electrode metal material according to Claim 1, wherein said electrode metal material is a sheet.

7. (Amended) The electrode metal material according to Claim 1, wherein said carbon particles are formed of conductive carbon particles.

9. (Amended) The electrode metal material according to Claim 1, wherein said carbon particles have a mean diameter in the range of 0.01 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

(Please add new claims 121-123 as follows.)

121. (New) The electrode metal material according to Claim 7, wherein said conductive carbon particles are graphite or carbon black.